

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Oil India Limited is continuing to supply natural gas to M/s. Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. (APL) at the price fixed by the Government from time to time for the consumers in the North-Eastern States.

(c) As per the current pricing regime, the consumer price of natural gas at landfall point is linked to the international price of a basket of fuel oils. The current linkage in respect of North-Eastern States is 45% of the fuel oil price, while the same is 75% for the other States. Over and above the concessional gas price, consumers in the North-Eastern States are eligible for a discount of Rs. 300 per thousand cubic meters on a case to case basis. M/s APL is already availing this discount.

Allocation of Kerosene to West Bengal and Darjeeling

663. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of Kerosene Oil allocated to West Bengal in the months of October, 2000 to December, 2000 and January, 2001; and
(b) the quantum of Kerosene oil allocated to Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong Sub-division during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Kerosene allocated to the State of West Bengal for the period from October, 2000 to January, 2001 is given below:

(Figures in MTs)

Month	Monthly Allocation	Additional Allocation*	Total
Oct.' 2000	68041	7782.1	75823.1
Nov.' 2000	68041	7782.1	75823.1
Dec.' 2000	68041	0	68041
Jan.' 2001	68041	0	68041
TOTAL	272164	15564.2	287728.2

*Additional allocation was given for meeting the State's requirement on account of floods.

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(b) Kerosene distribution within the State is controlled and monitored by the State Government.

Republication of Books By Sahitya Akademi and National Book Trust

664. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eminent Urdu poet, the late Ali Sardar Jafri did a yeoman's service to the nation by publishing Ghalib and Meer, Kabir and Mira in both Urdu and Devnagiri script in splendid volumes with his brilliant commentaries;

(b) whether the Sahitya Akademi or the National Book Trust have not taken over these works for republication before they are lost;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the chances of these classics to be brought out in other Indian languages?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Commerical publishers have taken up the publication of some of them. The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, an autonomous organisation of the Department of Culture has purchased 417 copies of the book titled "Kabir Bani" authored by Late Ali Sardar Jafri for distribution to libraries all over the country. M/s. Rajkamal Prakashan Pvt. Ltd. published this book, in the year 1999. The National Book Trust has informed that it only publishes books for the average reader on subjects of general interest and they do not publish specialized books in literature etc.

(d) The Sahitya Akademi undertakes translations of books on the recommendations of the concerned Language Advisory Board.